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1. UPON RECEIPT JULY 1 OF UNCLASSIFIED POSITION

PAPERS ON 30TH UNGA WHICH ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM LEFT IN PARIS, DCM CALLED ON PAUL MERTZ, DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, JULY 2. MERTZ WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE MATERIAL AND SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PASS IT ON TO PRIME MINISTER THORN. HE ASKED THAT WE LET ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM KNOW ONCE MORE HOW MUCH THORN AND WURTH APPRECIATED HIS VISIT.

2. MERTZ SAID THORN'S CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF THE

30TH UNGA WAS STILL UP IN THE AIR. HE WAS AWARE OF AMBASSADOR DE PINIES' INDICATION THAT PRIME MINISTER THORN AND SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE MEETING SOON (REFTEL) BUT SAID NO SUCH MEETING IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. HE SAID THORN IS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO MEET WITH SPANISH AT THIS TIME FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, THORN SEES NO REASON TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE SPANISH ON HIS CANDIDACY WHICH HAS THE
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OVERWHELMING APPROVAL OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP.

SECONDLY, THORN IS AFRAID THE SPANISH MIGHT BRING UP SPANISH/EC RELATIONSHIP IN THAT CONTEXT, WHICH HE WOULD FIND EMBARRASSING. MERTZ EXPLAINED THAT THORN IS GENERALLY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD CLOSE EC/SPANISH TIES BUT WOULD NOT WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF MAKING CONCESSIONS TO THE SPANISH ON THE EC ISSUE IN EXCHANGE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF DE PINIES' CANDIDACY.

3. COMMENT: MERTZ GAVE IMPRESSION THAT GOL STILL CONFIDENT THORN'S CANDIDACY WILL BE OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY WEO GROUP IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE WITHOUT THORN'S HAVING TO DISCUSS QUESTION WITH SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER.
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